

1328.68147

PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re U.S. Patent Application

Applicant: Takeda et al.

Serial No. 10/719,714

Filed: November 21, 2003

For: VERTICALLY-ALIGNED
(VA) LIQUID CRYSTAL
DISPLAY DEVICE

Art Unit: 2871

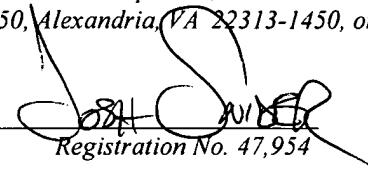
Examiner: Nguyen, D.

) Conf. No.: 3416
)) I hereby certify that this paper is being deposited with the
United States Postal Service as FIRST-CLASS mail in an
envelope addressed to: Mail Stop RCE, Commissioner for
Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, on this
date.) January 27, 2006

) Date

) F-CLASS.WCM

) Appr. February 20, 1998

) 
Registration No. 47,954

) Attorney for Applicant

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Mail Stop RCE
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This IDS is submitted under 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b) within either of the following time periods, whichever occurs last:

- (a) within three months of either the filing date of the national application or the date of entry into the national stage;
- (b) before the mailing date of first office action on the merits (i.e., not including actions such as restriction requirements); or
- (c) before the mailing of a first Office Action after the filing of a Request for Continued Examination.

Applicant(s) submit herewith Form PTO-1449 (Information Disclosure Citation) together with copies of patents, publications or other information of which applicant(s) are aware, which applicant(s) believe may be material to the examination of this application and for which there may be a duty to disclose in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.56. Applicant(s) respectfully submit that the citation of any reference on Form PTO-1449 does not constitute an admission that the reference qualifies as prior art.

It is requested that the information disclosed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be made of record in this application.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required to this application under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16-1.17, or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 07-2069. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Customer No. 24978

January 27, 2006
300 South Wacker Drive
Suite 2500
Chicago, Illinois 60606
Telephone: (312) 360-0080
Facsimile: (312) 360-9315
P:\DOCS\4319660279K1463.DOC

Respectfully submitted,

GREER, BURNS & CRAIN, LTD.

By: 

Josh C. Snider, Reg. 47,954

Form PTO-1449 U.S. Department of Commerce (Rev. 8-88) Patent and Trademark Office		Attorney Docket No.: 4328.68147		Serial No.: 10/719,714		
INFORMATION DISCLOSURE CITATION (Use several sheets if necessary)		Applicant: Takeda et al.				
		Filing Date: November 21, 2003		Group: 2871		
U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS						
Examiner Initial*	Document Number	Date	Name	Class	Subclass	
	5,579,140	Nov. 26, 1996	Yamahara			
	6,288,762	Sept. 11, 2001	Sasaki			
FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS						
	Document Number	Date	Country	Class	Subclass	Translation
	04-251285	Sept. 7 1992	Japan			Abs.
	JP 6-082777	March 25, 1994	Japan			Abs.
	09-033882	Feb. 7, 1997	Japan			Abs.
	07-120767	May 12, 1995	Japan			Abs.
	08-022023	Jan. 23, 1996	Japan			Abs.
	08-095054	April 12, 1996	Japan			Abs.
OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)						
Examiner			Date Considered			
*Examiner:		Initial if citation considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609; Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.				

Form PTO-1449 U.S. Department of Commerce (Rev. 8-88) Patent and Trademark Office		O P E I A P S S JAN 30 2006 P A T E N T & T R A D E M A R K O F F I C E		Attorney Docket No.: 4328.68147		Serial No.: 10/719,714	
INFORMATION DISCLOSURE CITATION (Use several sheets if necessary)				Applicant: Takeda et al.			
				Filing Date: November 21, 2003		Group: 2871	
U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS							
Examiner Initial*	Document Number	Date	Name	Class	Subclass	Filing Date If Appropriate	
	4,701,028	Oct. 20, 1987	Clerc et. al.				
	6,061,116	May 9, 2000	Nishida et. al.				
FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS							
	Document Number	Date	Country	Class	Subclass	Translation	
	08-095054	April 12, 1996	Japan			Yes	
	07-333671	Dec. 22, 1995	Japan			Abs.	
	08-043825	Feb. 16, 1996	Japan			Abs.	
	60-256121	Dec. 17, 1985	Japan			*X	
	WO97/012275	April 3, 1997	WIPO			**X (and Abs.)	
OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)							
Examiner		Date Considered					
*Examiner:		Initial if citation considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609; Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.					

* 60-256121 corresponds to U.S. Patent No. 4,701,028

** WO97/012275 corresponds to U.S. Patent No. 6,061,116